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12. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein the first database includes a telephone directory.

13. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein the second database includes a telephone directory.

14. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein the first apparatus and the second apparatus includes one or more of a PDA, a pager, and a cellular telephone.

15. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the manipulated information includes one or more telephone numbers automatically retrievable by the second apparatus to initiate a telephone call from the second apparatus.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action dated June 5, 2002, Claims 2 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. In addition, Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,845,282 (“Alley et al.”) further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,233,452 (“Nishino”). In this reply, Claims 1, 2, 8, and 10 are amended and new Claims 11-15 are added.

With regard to 35 U.S.C. §112 second paragraph rejection, Claims 2 and 10 are amended to recite that “the first apparatus performs first communication functionalities

using data stored in the first data base; and the second apparatus performs second communication functionalities using data stored in the second database.” Accordingly, Applicant believes that 35 U.S.C. §112 second paragraph rejection is overcome.

With regard to 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection, without conceding that the combination of Alley et al. and Nishimo is proper, it is submitted that the combination of Alley et al. and Nishimo does not disclose, suggest, or teach every element claimed in independent Claims 1 and 8. Alley et al. appears to disclose translating and transferring data files from a remote desktop computer to a pen-based computer. Alley et al. also appears to disclose that its remote desktop computer and the pen-based computer are directly connected to one another, indicating that its pen-based computer and the remote desktop computer have compatible communications devices for communicating with one another. Nishimo appears to disclose a mobile phone accessing a base station to determine a local access point for a dial-up connection to the Internet.

The combination of Alley et al. and Nishimo does not disclose, suggest, or teach a “method of transferring information in a first database (108) of a first electronic apparatus (102) to a second apparatus (104), comprising: uploading information from a first apparatus to a server (106), the information stored in a first database of the first apparatus for use in the first apparatus, and the server accessible by a second apparatus; manipulating the information at the server; and downloading the manipulated information from the server to the second apparatus for storage in a second database (124) of the second apparatus for use in the second apparatus, wherein the manipulated information can be automatically entered into the second database for use by an application in the second apparatus requiring a

predetermined data format regardless of communication compatibility between the first apparatus and the second apparatus” as claimed in Claim 1.

Similarly, without conceding that the combination of Alley et al. and Nishimo is proper, the combination of Alley et al. and Nishimo does not disclose, suggest, or teach a “method of providing a service for enabling to transfer information in a first database (108) of a first electronic apparatus (102) to a second apparatus (104), comprising: enabling to upload information from a first apparatus to a server (106), the information stored in a first database of the first apparatus for use in the first apparatus, and the server accessible by a second apparatus; enabling to manipulate the information at the server; and enabling to download the manipulated information from the server to the second apparatus for storage in a second database (124) of the second apparatus for use in the second apparatus, wherein the manipulated information can be automatically entered into the second database for use by an application requiring a predetermined data format regardless of communication compatibility between the first apparatus and the second apparatus,” as claimed in Claim 8.

For example, the combination of Alley et al. and Nishimo does not disclose, suggest, or teach transferring information from a first apparatus to a second apparatus for automatic use by an application in the second apparatus, wherein the data can be transferred regardless of the communication capability between the first and the second apparatus. Alley et al. appears to require that its devices have communications compatibility in order to transfer files from one another. In addition, contrary to the assertion in the Office Action, Alley et al.’s Col. 14, lines 6-18 does not disclose or suggest a separate server. Instead, that section of Alley et al. appears to disclose that alternative database and graphics systems may be used to accomplish the same task. Further, although Nishimo appears to disclose dialing up to an

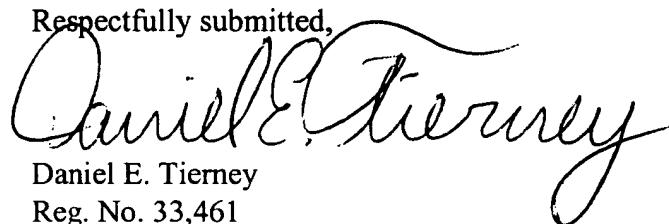
Internet, Nishimo does not disclose, suggest, or teach transferring information from a first apparatus to a second apparatus for automatic use by an application in the second apparatus, wherein the data can be transferred regardless of the communication capability between the first and the second apparatus.

Accordingly, it is submitted that Claims 1 and 8 are patentable for at least the foregoing reasons. Claims 2-7 and 9-10 depend from Claims 1 and 8 respectively, and therefore, without conceding the patentability per se of the dependent claims, it is submitted that these dependent claims are also patentable for at least the same foregoing reasons. Further, it is submitted that new Claims 11-15 are also patentable over the cited references.

Attached is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment according to 37 C.F.R. §1.121. The attached page is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

Applicants believe that Claims 1-15 are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this communication or feels that an interview would be helpful in advancing the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 8, and 10, and add new Claims 11-15 as follows.

1. (Once Amended) A method of transferring information in a first database (108) of a first electronic apparatus (102) to a second apparatus (104), comprising [wherein:

the information is for operational use of both first and second apparatus; and
the method comprises:]

uploading [the] information from [the] a first apparatus to a server (106), the
information stored in a first database of the first apparatus for use in the first apparatus, and
the server accessible by a second apparatus;

manipulating the information at the server; and

downloading the manipulated information from the server to the second apparatus for storage in a second database (124) of the second apparatus for use in the second apparatus,

wherein the manipulated information can be automatically entered into the second
database for use by an application in the second apparatus requiring a predetermined data
format regardless of communication compatibility between the first apparatus and the
second apparatus.

2. (Once Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein:

the first apparatus performs [has a] first communication[s] functionalities [capability based on] using data stored in the first data base; and

the second apparatus performs [has a] second communication[s] functionalities
[capability based on] using data stored in the second database[;
the first data base relates to a first communications directory; and
the second data base relates to a second communications directory].

8. (Once Amended) A method of providing a service for enabling to transfer information in a first database (108) of a first electronic apparatus (102) to a second apparatus (104), comprising [wherein:

the information is for operational use of both first and second apparatus; and
the method comprises]:

enabling to upload [the] information from [the] a first apparatus to a server (106), the information stored in a first database of the first apparatus for use in the first apparatus, and the server accessible by a second apparatus;

enabling to manipulate the information at the server; and
enabling to download the manipulated information from the server to the second apparatus for storage in a second database (124) of the second apparatus for use in the second apparatus,

wherein the manipulated information can be automatically entered into the second database for use by an application requiring a predetermined data format regardless of communication compatibility between the first apparatus and the second apparatus.

10. (Once Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein

the first apparatus [has a] performs first communication[s] functionalities [capability based on] using data stored in the first data base; and

the second apparatus [has a] performs second communication[s] functionalities [capability based on] using data stored in the second data base[;

the first data base relates to a first communications directory; and

the second data base relates to a second communications directory].

11. (New) A method for transferring data in a database of a first mobile terminal to a second mobile terminal, comprising:

providing a common server accessible to a first mobile terminal and a second mobile terminal, the first mobile terminal having at least a first application and associated first database for use in the first mobile terminal, and the second mobile terminal having at least a second application and associated second database for use in the second mobile terminal;

retrieving and uploading data from the first application's first database to the common server;

converting the uploaded data to conform to a use of the second application and associated second database;

downloading the converted data automatically into the second database for use by the second application.

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